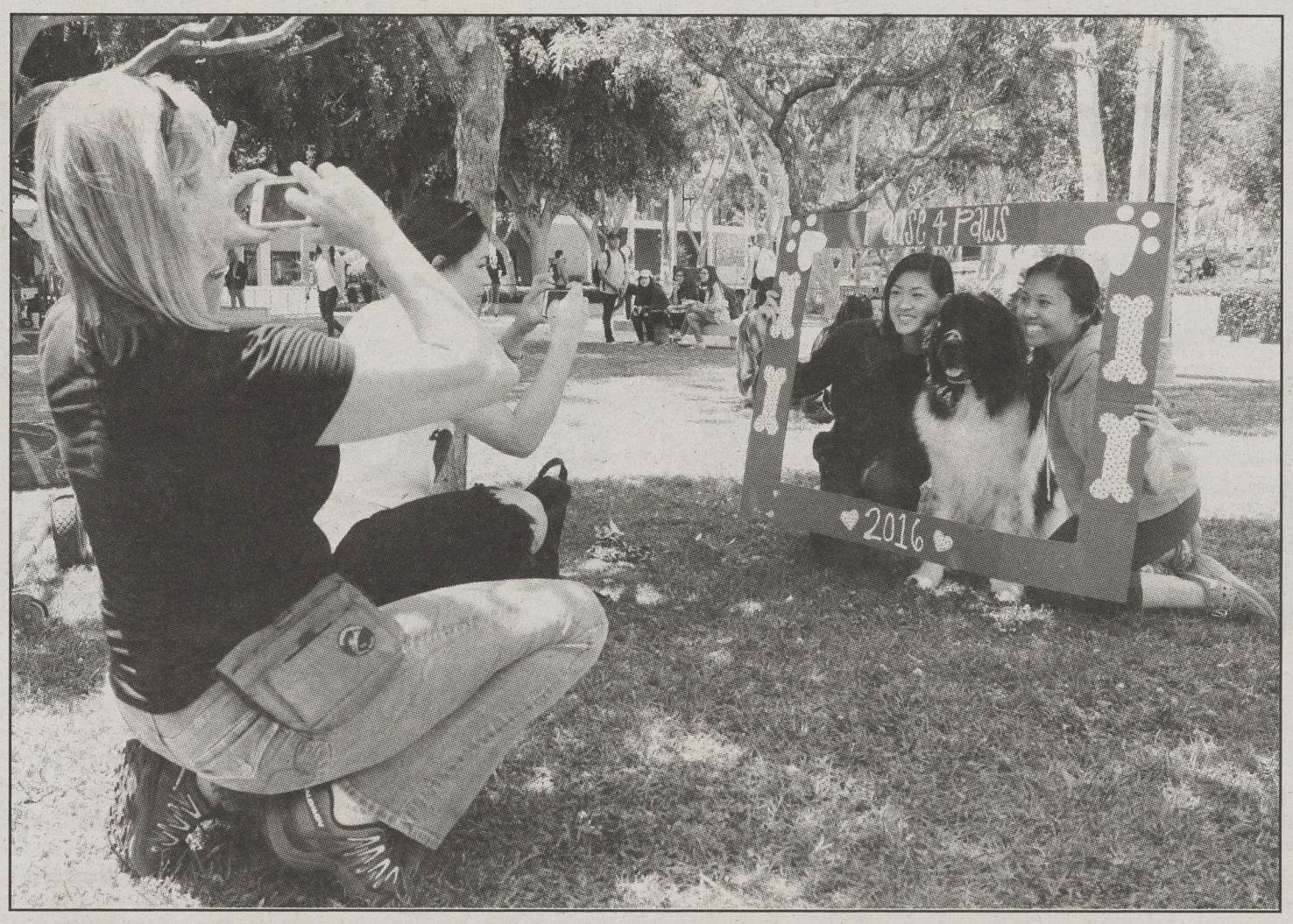
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Sophomore kinesiology major Irene Chuang and junior child development major Melissa Lee take de-stress and pose for a photo with the Newfoundland therapy dog Murphy on the Health and Human Services lawn yesterday.

The dog day is over

Therapy dogs took over the Health and Human Services lawn to help students de-stress.

BY MICHAELA KWOKA-COLEMAN
Staff Writer

As students walked to and from classes yesterday afternoon, stressing about upcoming final exams, their worries were forgotten for a while with a little help from man's best friend.

Pause 4 Paws, which was held on the Health and Human Services lawn, brought therapy dogs to Cal State Long Beach to help students de-stress and unwind. The event was planned and hosted as a class project by students from CSULB's Communication Professional Event Planning class.

Sophomore communications major and Paws 4 Pause organizer Kyle Soeltz, said his group had been working on this event since the beginning of the spring semester.

"We actually wanted to have [the event] during finals week so people coming out of their classes crying because of their finals would have this," Soeltz said.

He said his group originally planned for around 300 attendees. However, even as Pause 4 Paws was being set up, students started gathering in large numbers, waiting for the dogs to arrive. After seeing the crowd gathering, Soeltz said his group underestimated how popular the event was going to be.

When the first dogs arrived, students immediately began pulling out their phones and taking pictures.

One dog in particular, Coco, was very popular among students. The Golden Retriever was extremely social, licking anyone who reached to pet her.

"[My group] loves dogs and this kind of event has happened before by Disabled Student Services," Soeltz said. "We thought this would be an easy, fun event for everyone and we'd get to help out an organization at the same time."

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ASI amends payment bylaw, adopts new structure

ASI will pay officials at the beginning of the semester in scholarship money.

BY VALERIE OSIER
Assistant News Editor

Associated Students, Inc. senators and executives will no longer be paid monthly and bi-monthly and instead be paid once at the beginning of the semester by scholarship, leaving some worried about how student leaders will be kept accountable for doing their work.

While elected executives will see the new scholarship payment system in the second phase of changes in June 2017, when the new government structure will also be enacted, the change will affect senators beginning in June of this year.

Despite earlier concerns over accountability expressed by Vice President Miriam Hernandez and Treasurer Wendy Lewis last fall, the senate passed the Payment Bylaw Amendment at their last

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CFA ratifies tentative agreement

Although the CFA-CSU deal was voted through, the contract does not solve all the issues.

BY TARYN SAUER
Staff Witer

The California Faculty Association members approved the tentative agreement with the California State University system, with 97 percent of those who voted in favor of the deal.

The ballot was held online April 22–29. Of the 23,000 CFA members, 63 percent voted.

While not lauded as a perfect contract, many faculty said they were surprised by what was accomplished.

A representative from a socialist organization, the International Youth and Students for Social Equality, Marc

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Carry your loot on a scoot

CSULB alumni aim to innovate transportation.

By Jorge Paniagua
Staff Writer



PHOTO COURTESY OF ALIX ARMOUR

The Nimble Scooter offers Cal State Long Beach students a new way to get around campus and carry their baggage.

Cal State Long Beach alumnus have merged scooting power with carrying power in an attempt to change students' means of transportation in both a convenient and environmentally-conscious fashion.

Urban transportation company Nimble Scooters designs kick-scooters that allow riders to kick-scoot cargo wherever they go. The company aims to change the way students both get around campus and carry their belongings, according to CEO of Nimble Scooters and CSULB alumna, Alix Armour.

"When I was a student, I would have to carry around so much … these things got bigger and bigger," Armour said. "If I had a cargo-scooter, I would have been able to put everything in there and go to campus straight from my house."

The advantage of Nimble Scooters' kick-scooters is no matter what one has to carry, they can place their belongings in the scooters' baskets, according to Armour.

Founders and CSULB alumni John Kim and Jose Rivera, along with Armour, conceptualized this form of transportation, aiming to make carrying goods around more accessible, in Armour's senior industrial design class.

The goal was to create a device smaller than a bicycle and ideal for distances under 12 miles.

"The team tinkered with modified bikes with trailers, but often were upset with the maintenance, cost and bulkiness of a bicycle," Armour said.

Armour, Kim and chief operations manager and CSULB alumnus Aaron Wong launched their latest scooter design, the Nimble Urban, this spring and made Nimble Scooters' focus solely on making cargo-carrying kick scooters.

"It's really convenient for all sorts of errands and tasks," Wong said. "What's useful as a designer is that every time you learn how someone uses it for a new purpose, it makes you think about new designs for that application."

Both Wong and Kim streamlined the manufacturing of the scooters. They currently have three models catering to urban mobility and designed for end-consumers and warehouse-job tasks.

The company is looking forward to going electric, as well. Nimble Scooters began with non-electric models to get the base models working, says Armour.

"We are electrifying our products to help save students more time," Armour said.

Because the entrepreneurs visualized what would become Nimble Scooters at CSULB, they have not forgotten their roots at the university. The company is currently providing internship opportunities for CSULB students.

"We've had interns work at Nimble Scooters from CSULB. We'd love to hire people directly from the university," Armour said. "I look forward to hiring people in sales, engineering, marketing, etcetera."

As of late April, the fundraising campaign for the Nimble Urban raised over $20,000. The company hopes to stretch the funding for its newest model to $40,000 in the next month.

"We want to help people save time and get their work done faster," Armour said. "We think our scooters can help people save both money and time."

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Wells, disagreed. He urged the CFA to vote against the tentative agreement.

"Teachers should reject this deal and begin a real fight to defend high quality education for all," Wells said in an email to faculty.

But many of the active CFA members did not see it this way.

"A strike is only a tool," CFA Chapter President, Doug Domingo-Foraste, said. "If you don't need a sledgehammer, you don't use [one]."

The agreement includes a 5 percent general salary increase that will go into effect June 30; a 2 percent GSI on July 1; and a 3.5 percent GSI on July 1, 2017. The CFA also secured a 2.65 percent service salary increase for eligible faculty, a 9 percent minimum salary increase for tenure-line faculty and a "commitment to reform range elevation for lecturer faculty," according to a CFA press release.

However, the deal is not retroactive. Retiring faculty will not see a raise unless they choose to postpone retirement another year in hopes of acquiring a 7 percent raise. The SSIs cap out at a certain level, leaving many faculty in the business and engineering department without that 2.65 percent increase [working on explanation..]

It also does not solve inversion—an issue that many faculty regularly confront in the face of inflation. Because of escalating market value, newly hired faculty can make more than professors with more experience and, sometimes, even more than those who hold a higher rank.

This sort of inequality can be demoralizing and affect how faculty operate, especially when many professors exceed the required workload with extra attention to students' needs, according to associate professor of biology, Ashley Carter.

Carter said that professors value their positions as educators and strive to provide an enriching education for their students.

"But it's hard to measure morale and all these others things professors do," Carter said. "It's easy to measure salary, number of classes taught and so on."

He said that it would be very easy to change the current salary system and that inversion wouldn't exist if annual salaries were higher than that of the starting salary for that academic year.

In addition to inversion, Domingo-Foraste said the CFA has intentions of helping students with tuition hikes and provide more equity to African-American students on campus.

The ratified agreement will go before the CSU Board of Trustees during the May 24-25 meeting.

Crime Blotter

Hit and run, welfare check, duck hurt

Duck down

University Police received a call about a duck near the Parkside Commons that broke its leg on Sunday at 3 p.m. When animal control arrived to assist, the duck was able to fly and was not taken in.

Where's my money?

A 19-year-old male student reported that his wallet was removed from a secured locker in the Student Recreational Center last Friday. When the student found his wallet he discovered that his money was gone. University Police took a report and there are no suspects.

Woman reports hit-and-run

University Police received a report on Monday at 5:15 p.m. from an 18-year-old female student after her car sustained damage to the rear passenger quarter panel. The student reported the incident late, as the damage occurred last Wednesday.

Welfare check

University Police received a call that a man appeared disoriented near the Residential Learning Center on Monday at 6:10 p.m. Later on, a man called the police to inform them that the individual drove to a local hospital.

Man detained has warrants

After stopping a 45-year-old male at 1400 Palo Verde Ave., University Police found the male had an outstanding warrant from the City of Long Beach. The male was cited for the warrant and released. The details of the warrant were unknown.

Correction:

In the article "You can still TAP that" printed Monday, students and employees will be saving $20 from the reduced student fare price, which is $120 and requires a 6-8–week application review process. They will also be saving $95 from the regular full priced bus pass.

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meeting April 27.

"What I decided personally was: I was elected to do a job based on what the student body wanted," Hernandez said. "I did whatever the Board of Control Ad Hoc committee wanted. And the Ad Hoc committee was composed of financial aid, student groups, senate representatives [and] various people from the university, and as a collective board, they made a decision to advise that ASI Senate support [the change]."

How it all began

The issue was brought up after it was revealed that the current president, Jose Salazar, was unable to get paid because he is undocumented and did not have his Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals paperwork filed. Salazar brought a proposal for revisions to the executive pay policy to the Board of Control.

The Ad Hoc committee was appointed by Lewis and the board when the original revisions could not be agreed upon in BOC meetings last fall.

The scholarships for each position will be paid out at the beginning of each semester, before the student has performed the duties of the position. According to Richard Haller, executive director of ASI, how the student government will keep the student officials accountable has yet to be addressed.

ASI bylaw 2.1.2.D-3 states: "To receive compensation, all office hours must be completed and recorded with the Assistant Director of Student Involvement and Leadership and/or the ASI Department Secretary." The bylaws do not elaborate on what happens if a student does not complete their hours.

When giving a scholarship, ASI can't make it contingent on future actions because a student is supposed to get it based on eligibility, Haller said. If a student stops holding required office hours or attending required meetings, there isn't an immediate course of action to hold that student accountable.

"I'm not a big fan," Haller said. "And even in our current system, right now they're given a monthly director's fee, and we don't have a process in place where we withhold that if they miss meetings. It's just not written down anywhere where we can do that … We have to think of some way of holding them accountable. But right now, the only way of doing that is subjecting them to recall [election], and maybe that is the only way."

The bylaws currently state the if a petition with 15 percent of enrolled students' signatures or three-fourths of the senate is presented to the ASI president, any elected officer will be subject to recall.

Haller pointed out that it is also not defined what a senator or officer has to do to be subject to recall. Haller said that by letting students who put the person in office decide if they get to stay is the way to "put it back into the hands of students."

Because it would be a scholarship, ASI also can no longer require that an executive not hold another job.

Financial aid concerns

Because the payment is now technically a scholarship, it would fall under financial aid and may interfere with a student's other potential financial aid eligibility. In the April 20 meeting, the senate amended the resolution to "encourage students to talk with a financial aid counselor" before running for office, according to the meeting minutes.

Currently, the policy on executive pay states that executives cannot hold other jobs outside of ASI. Because scholarships cannot technically require that, that restriction would no longer apply.

Haller said that the change to scholarships actually makes the accounting jobs in ASI easier because financial aid is "very streamlined" through forms that need only be filled out once and checks that are disbursed by the Financial Aid office.

"I kind of always had difficulty with people perceiving it as compensation," Haller said. "Because you really should be looking at this as more of an opportunity to serve your fellow students, rather than as a source of income. So I think it kind of changes your perspective of why you run for office."

Senators are currently paid $200 per month for four months of each semester as a "director's fee." ASI executives are paid a "fellowship" of $1264 a month, according to the Press Telegram.

While executives were previously paid to work throughout the summer, scholarships are generally distributed at the beginning of each fall and spring semester, so ASI will have to work with the financial aid office to be able to pay for summer work, Haller said.

New governing structure

The new structure will eliminate the appointed chief programming officer and chief of staff positions and add three new appointed positions: vice president for academic affairs, vice president for university affairs and vice president of government affairs.

The CPO will be eliminated this June because there is currently no one qualified to fill the position, current CPO Sabrina Ware said in a recent senate meeting. The responsibilities of the CPO will be fulfilled by a new student job that ASI will pay hourly and turn into a "more supervisory role," Ware said.

The chief of staff position will be eliminated next June because the presidential cabinet will be cut down from about 15 positions to six. The six cabinet members will be chaired by the president.

The elected executive positions will then be called president, executive vice president and vice president of finance.

The senate voted in the new structure at the April 20 meeting and was intended to "better represent the students," Haller said. Concerns about the amount of work that was put on the executives were brought up when an audit was conducted after the issues with the executive pay policy came up last fall.

"I think from at least speaking to Miriam and the other executives, I personally saw how it's very difficult for us to be full-time students and also be full-time executives of ASI," Sen. Logan Vournas, who was elected as next year's vice president , said. "Even though there's only a certain office hour requirement a week, I know the amount of work that goes into these positions … I think the position as it's been now, if we want the most beneficial student leaders, we have to more equally distribute the workload to them."

The three new vice president positions were formally "secretary" positions in the president's cabinet, also appointed, but were made into executive positions because of the abnormal workload placed upon the positions. As executive positions, there will be more responsibility, but the compensation will be the about the same as an elected executive, including having their tuition covered by ASI.

"The proposed change is not perfect, but next year's senate has the chance to make any changes to make it better and fit our students needs," Sen. Marvin Flores and newly-elected ASI president said in an email.

The process of making changes to the new structure to reflect accountability measures or any other changes will be done through bylaw amendment, which will need to be initiated by a senator. Haller said that there is no formal method of ensuring that current issues with the new structure will be addressed, but that there are several returning senators, so it is likely to occur.

The new executives and officers will take office June 1 this year.

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An increase in the Student Health Center fee is being proposed that would raise the fee from its current $90 per year to $150 per year over a two-year period beginning in Spring 2017. In addition, the Student Health Center's facility fee will also increase from $6 to $10 per year.

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'Insights' into student artists at UAM

School of Art's Annual student art exhibition begins Thursday.

BY JORGE PANIAGUA
Staff Writer

A celebration of student art, an awards ceremony and live music – it's that time of year again. Get ready for the Cal State Long Beach School of Art's annual exhibition, "Insights."

The University Art Museum, partnered with the CSULB School of Art, will host its yearly exhibition featuring art from both graduate and undergraduate art students, opening Thursday at the UAM at 5 p.m.

"This is an an incredible opportunity for the CSULB community to see what the School of Art students do," said marketing coordinator for the University Art Museum, Shefali Mistry. "The School of Art is the largest department on campus and one of the best art schools in the West. The opportunity for students to exhibit in an accredited museum while still students is one that is quite unique to CSULB."

The event will begin with an awards ceremony honoring students for their contributions to the exhibition. Both scholarships and "purchase awards" – intended to disburse funding to support an artist's work – will be rewarded.

Student award winners will get the chance to lead a tour of their work at the UAM on May 10. Guests will be able to personally ask the artists any questions regarding their artwork.

UAM administrators and members of the Associated Students Inc. will also be selecting their favorite student artwork to become part of the UAM's permanent collection during the opening reception.

"Insights" attendees will get a chance to see the different kinds of artwork, ranging from painting to sculpture, photography, digital media and printmaking.

"The reception is our chance to celebrate the students," Mistry said. "There will be refreshments and live music and you'll get the first peek at the student work."

The CSULB School of Art student exhibition, "Insights", will begin Thursday and continue through May 22.



HARRY LEVIN | DAILY 49ER
A student pets one of the dogs at the Pause 4 Paws kiosk at CSULB yesterday. All of the dogs there were recuse dogs that have been trained to be service animals.

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At the event, attendees were able to pet and take pictures with several different breeds of therapy dogs, including two huge Newfoundlands.

Pause 4 Paws even had a cardboard polaroid frame students could hold up for photos with "Pause 4 Paws 2016" written on it in silver glitter.

The Newfoundland dogs were provided by the Southern California Newfoundland Rescue Corp. According to group's Treasurer and Medical Director Laurie Shapiro, the Newfoundlands are rescue dogs.

One of the Newfoundlands was a giant ball of fluff named Molly.

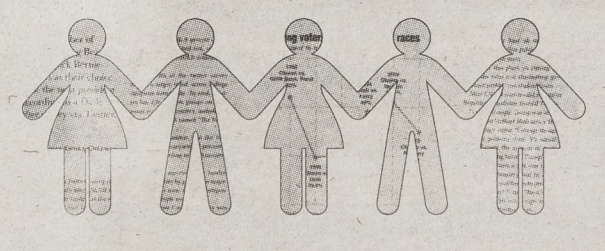
Shapiro said that Molly, like many other dogs, was bought by someone who later realized they couldn't take care of her. Molly was then relinquished to the SCNRC, put into a new home and trained as a therapy dog.

Students were also able to purchase raffle tickets for the chance to win a variety of prizes including gift cards and school supplies.

All the money from the raffle was donated to Friends of Long Beach Animals, a non-profit organization that works with animals in the Long Beach area.

"We raise money so we can make sure that the animals never have needs for anything," said Friends of Long Beach Animals President Shirley Vaughan. "Our shelter here in Long Beach services four cities … [we] try to get all the animals rescued …to cut down on euthanasia rates."

According to Vaughan, the money raised from yesterday's event will help fund a dual purpose veterinary clinic in Long Beach. She said that the clinic will provide medical care to shelter pets five days a week and low cost spay and neuter services the other two days.



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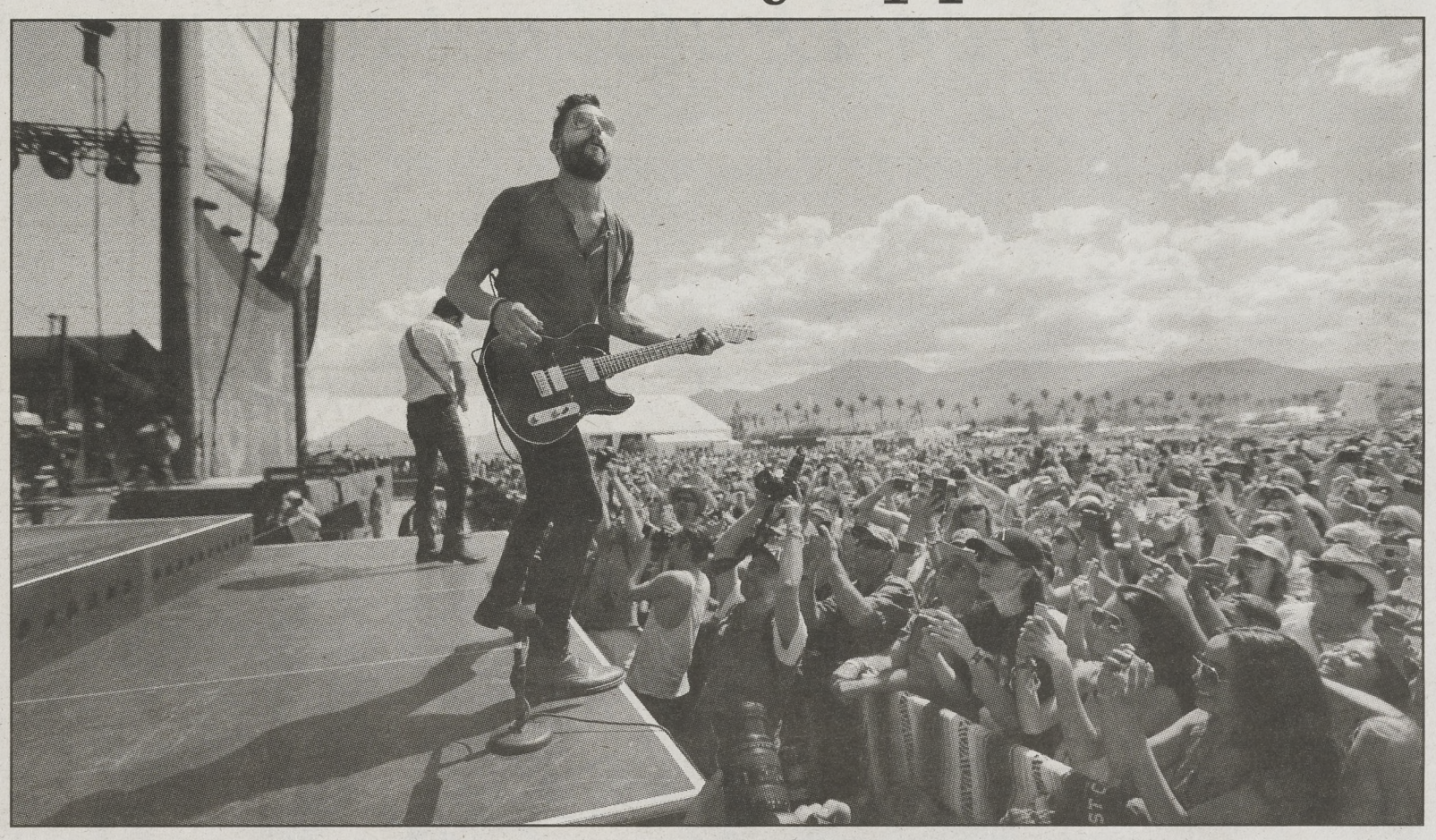
Gary Kasparov was the former World Chess Champion and a member of the Soviet Communist elite. His 3/1/16 post on Facebook was:

"I'm enjoying the irony of American [Bernie] Sanders supporters lecturing me, a former Soviet citizen, on the glories of socialism and what it really means! Socialism sounds great in speech sound bites and on Facebook, but please keep it there. In practice, it corrodes not only the economy but the human spirit itself, and the ambition and achievement that made modern capitalism possible and brought billions of people out of poverty. Talking about socialism is a huge luxury, a luxury that was paid for by the successes of capitalism. Income inequality is a huge problem, absolutely. But the idea that the solution is more government, more regulation, more debt, and less risk is dangerously absurd."

Why do you think Cubans are risking their lives to flee the socialist paradise of Cuba? Why do you think Mexicans and South Americans are flooding across the border from their socialistic countries? It is because socialism cannot fulfill any of the promises it makes. Communist China did not start to develop rapidly until it became more capitalistic. The only thing it can do is make wage inequality less. It does this by LOWERING everyone's earnings except politicians who control the country. The natural result of socialism is a tyranny where people get to keep less of their wages and freedom. Even Denmark is being to see the negative effects and is looking for ways to become more like the US.

Can you name one socialist country that is not in economic trouble right now? Socialism eats the capital that work has grown. As we have moved toward socialism during your lifetime, have tax rates gone up or down? Has the middle class grown or started to collapse in the last 7 years? Use the critical thinking faculties that you have learned in college and then vote. Don't be taken in by Democrat magical thinking.

Stagecoach's cross-country appeal



ALLEN J. SCHABEN | LOS ANGELES TIMES | TNS

Matthew Ramsey, lead singer of Old Dominion, performs on the Mane Stage on the final day of Stagecoach Country Music Festival at the Empire Polo Club in Indio, Calif., on Sunday, May 1.

INDIO, Calif. — Listen for any length of time to mainstream country radio and it's easy to conclude that the genre has become a one-dimensional realm of singers with little on their minds but when the next party starts.

"Country music is all about good times," proclaimed a deejay at one radio station over the weekend in touting the annual Stagecoach Country Music Festival in Indio, Calif.

The restorative aspect, therefore, of a gathering as smartly curated as Stagecoach is that it serves as a reminder of the breadth and depth of topics still being explored with intelligence, sincerity and insight beyond the radio airwaves, from the deepest yearnings for love to the anguish of the broken-hearted to, yes, the joys that life can offer in its happiest moments.

The lineup for the 10th edition of Stagecoach assembled a characteristically broad expanse of country in all its forms, including the mass appeal hits of headliners Luke Bryan, Carrie Underwood and Eric Church, the connoisseur singer-songwriter camp inhabited by Emmylou Harris, Billy Joe Shaver, Robert Earl Keen and Rodney Crowell, and scintillating new arrivals such as Chris Stapleton, Rainey Qualley, Luke Bell and Leroy Powell. They played to a sellout crowd, Stagecoach officials said, with attendance at 75,000 per day.

As has been the case in recent years, there was room also for a few classic-rock acts, this year's slate topped by former Creedence Clearwater Revival lead singer, guitarist and songwriter John Fogerty along with the Marshall Tucker Band and the Doobie Brothers.

The tacit message at Stagecoach is that musical gold is still out there for those who seek it.

For those solely interested in kicking up their Tony Lama'd heels, Bryan came armed with a wagon load of feel-good hits from his 2007 breakthrough ode to over-imbibing, "All My Friends Say," and 2013's self-explanatory "Crash My Party" through his recent amorous duet with Karen Fairchild "Kill the Lights."

Underwood ratcheted up the musical and literal pyrotechnics on Saturday with song after song that danced across the fine line between empowerment and retribution and kept her titanium pipes cranked to 11.

The keepers of mainstream country have relied on a reductionist approach to the music that relies heavily on a template of '70s and '80s arena rock — full of gigantic beats and sung-to-the-rafters choruses, periodically folding in R&B and hip-hop-inspired programmed beats.

Yet the sonically jam-packed sound misses opportunities like Nashville-based avant-bluegrass trio Chess-Boxer capitalized on early Sunday, tapping gently plucked fiddle and banjo and bowed upright bass that rendered a mournful melody deeply moving.

Across the grounds, a full slate of varied strains of country could be heard, from old-school honky-tonk and vintage-sounding string band workouts to Eagles- and Flying Burrito Brothers-inspired country rock, progressive Americana and heavily pop-leaning sounds.

Stapleton brought an unusually multifaceted performance to his set on the Mane Stage, which normally is heavy on high-energy uptempo anthems. But as he showed on last year's richly varied "Traveller" album, Stapleton isn't interested in pushing the obvious emotional buttons, and he unhurriedly worked through blues and country-folk confessional songs before turning in another stunning vocal performance on "Tennessee Whiskey," the Dean Dillon-Linda Hargrove song that introduced him to legions of country fans via his duet with Justin Timberlake at last fall's CMA Awards telecast.

Freshman country star Sam Hunt exploited his amalgam of catchy country and throbbing hip-hop beats on Friday in a set that also included a guest appearance by rapper Snoop Dogg. That moment was the real-life equivalent of a sponsored social media post, as Hunt, Snoop and fellow guests G-Eazy and Bebe Rexha helped one of the festival's beer sponsors promoting its product onstage during the segment.

Whatever divide may exist between music as artistic expression and as a sales marketing tool vanished in that moment.

On the other hand, for those interested in musical nuance, literate lyrics and a broad palette of subject material, they simply needed to visit the smaller Palomino and Mustang stages over the weekend.

A troika of Texas singer-songwriters — Shaver, Keen and Crowell — collectively delivered a master class in intelligent songwriting during their respective sets.

Take this cinematic scene from Keen's "Gringo Honeymoon," sketched with the economy of a poet and the painterly touch of a novelist:

"Met a cowboy who said that he/ was running from the D.E.A. / He left his home his wife and family / when he made his getaway. / We followed him on down a street at dusk/ to his one-room rundown shack. / He blew a smoke ring and he smiled at us / I ain't ever goin back."

It's light years beyond the pedestrian level of, say, Florida Georgia Line's current hit, "Confession," in which the duo sings: "I'm rolling through the open wide / Searching for a song to drink beer to / And trying to find a place to disappear to."

Contrast that with Shaver's illuminating writing in "Old Five and Dimers Like Me," which demonstrates why one of country's greatest vocalists, Waylon Jennings, devoted an entire album to his brilliantly evocative songs: "I've spent a lifetime making up my mind to be / More than the measure of what I thought others could see / Good luck and fast bucks are too far and too few between / For Cadillac buyers and old five and dimers like me."

– Randy Lewis
Los Angeles Times , TNS

live music calendar

BY JASON ENNS
Staff Writer

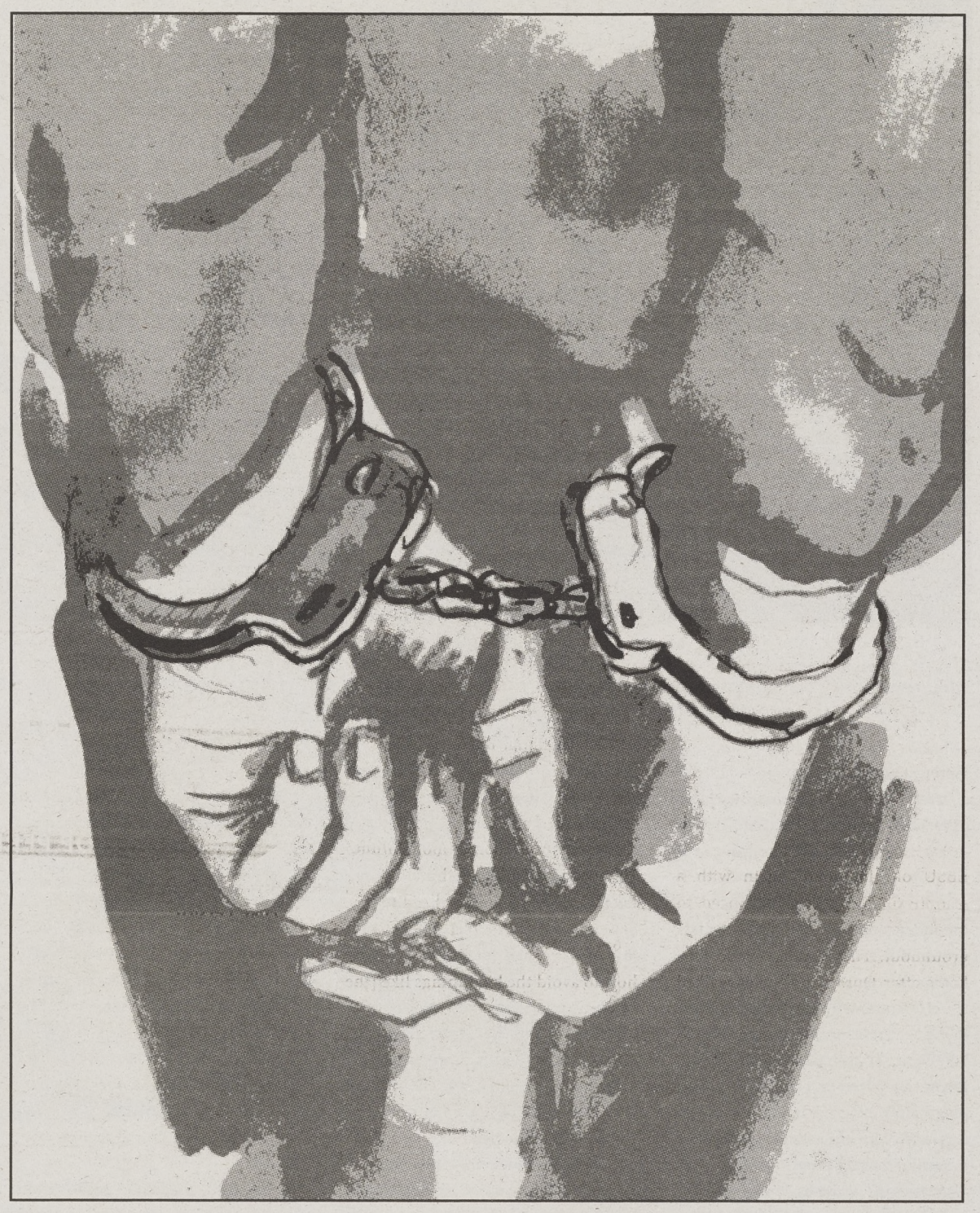
Go watch live music. In the words of Shia LaBeouf, "Do it." Really, do it. Here's a calendar with everything you need to know to... do it.

Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
Trey Songz **Walter Pyramid** **1250 N Bellflower Blvd, Long Beach, CA 90840** **7 p.m.** **18+** **10 bucks (for students)**	**First Fridays Spring Awakening** **Atlantic Ave from Bixby Rd to San Antonio Dr, Long Beach, CA 90807** **All ages** **6:30pm** **Free**	Tall Walls The Barrelhousers + more DTLB Bike Fest 1ST & Linden Ave. All ages 1 to 10p.m. Free	**Lower Back Tribal Tat** **Alex's Bar** **2913 E Anaheim St, Long Beach, CA 90804** **21+** **9 p.m.** **5 bucks**	For Today We Came as Romans Miss May I Glasshouse 200 W 2nd St, Pomona, CA 91766 All ages 6 p.m. $20

The 'War on Drugs' not working anymore

Separation from society is not the solution to addiction.

BY ERIK ÖRHSTRÖM
Staff Writer



GABI CAMPANARIO | TNS

Few politicians dare to acknowledge how the global war on drugs never truly has been carried out against controlled substances, but against a huge part of Earth's population.

Being a drug user has become very stigmatized in today's society because a criminal culture has been created. Those who become particularly affected by this criminalization are the addicts, which are estimated by the U.N. Office on Drugs and Crime to be 27 million people. Suffering from the disease of addiction, these people are looked down upon as less valuable and therefore become written off as criminals instead of patients who need help. It might be hard to feel sympathy for these people, who struggle under the weight of social stigmas against their sickness, but putting them in jail is not going to solve the problem, because it does not get rid of all the drugs from the world.

If that is how we are going to treat sufferers, then how can we call ourselves humane?

Getting proper help for drug addiction is a human right that not has been fully developed in all countries of the U.N., which is one reason why a lot of addicts are afraid of seeking help. In countries such as Switzerland, Denmark and the Netherlands, governments have opened state-funded clinics for the purpose of treating drug addicts and helping them live a normal- functioning life. RThis way, resources are being prioritized to help addicts instead of putting them in jail. These countries are carrying out the war on drugs directly against controlled substances, instead of attacking the addicts and blaming them for the problems that stemcome from their disease.

However, the access to such treatment is currently not a civil right in all countries, which therefore could be one of many contributing factors of high numbers of drug-related deathsto why the number of drug-related deaths is very high.

In 2013, there were an estimated 187,100 drug-related deaths, according to the UNODCU.N. Office on Drugs and Crime. But if politicians do not want to learn from this and take a different approach on the strategy of the war on drugs practiced today, the deaths of these people have all been in vain. Putting people in jail is not going to solve the problem, because it does not get rid of all the drugs from the world.

Kofi Annan's speech during the U.N. General Assembly Special Session, held Apr. 19-21, was an acknowledged failure of the slogan "A drug-free world, we can do it," used for the 1998 UNGASS meeting.

"Drugs have destroyed many lives, but wrongheaded governmental policies have destroyed many more," diplomat Annan said. "I think it is obvious that after 40 years of war on drugs, it has not worked."

In other words, the agenda of the slogan has so far produced results where the positive effects do not outweigh the negatives. "A drug-free world, we can do it", became the United Nations global implementation of "The War on Drugs", carried out by President Richard Nixon in 1971. But what easily is forgotten during the implementation of such an act is that the war directly is carried out against the drug users, living human beings who are equally valuable as non-drug users, instead of the physical existence of the controlled substances.

According to the 2015 World Drug Report, carried out by the U.N. Office on Drugs and Crime, there is an estimate of 246 million people that tried an illegal drug in 2013. This is a very big part of the world's population, which currently estimates around 7.4 billion, and all those people are ironically considered as enemies in the eyes of the U.N. and their vision. Annan has stated that the global criminalization of drugs is costing approximately $700 billion each year, while the consumption of the drug users of the world estimates at a value of $300 billion each year. What the world's politicians need to realize is that a drug-free world is an unrealistic illusion. The methods implemented towards that vision today is currently costing more than double as much as the marketing value of the controlled substances.

If all that money could be spent on harm reduction methods instead, such as needle exchange programs, the number of drug-related deaths could potentially be decreased and more addicts would be able live a normal life.

We need to understand that saving lives is a brave act that defines our humanity. By creating a criminal culture where we define drug-users as criminals and incarcerate them, we are not being human. Declaring a war against the drug-users is separating them from society, especially the addicts who are dependent on certain substances. That does not solve the problem.

In order to bring peace to this war on drugs we need to connect people with each other, not isolate them.

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come back from that kind of deficit," Dirtbags head coach Troy Buckley said. "I'm really proud of the guys from a position player side, to come back and make this more of a competitive game."

The Dirtbags didn't go down without a fight as they scored one in the bottom of the first after Rasmussen hit an RBI single to score second baseman Jarren Duran.

After the first, LBSU kept UCLA scoreless and was able to cut the lead to 8-2 in the second when freshman Brooks Stotler hit a RBI double that scored junior Daniel Jackson.

The Bruins answered back with three unearned runs against Dave Smith at the top of the third. However, after the third, the Dirtbags' pitchers kept the Bruins scoreless using six pitchers. Senior Ryan Cruz faced eight batters in 1.2 innings of action with two walks and one strikeout before being replaced by sophomore Lucas Jacobsen in the fifth.

Rasmussen got the LBSU run going with a lead-off single in the bottom of the third to extend his multi-hit streak to six.

"I'm more free and easy," Rasmussen said. "My coaches and my teammates have confidence in me, even when I was struggling they still had confidence in me and I just kept working and now it's paying off."

Junior left fielder Brock Lundquist and junior Daniel Jackson followed Rasmussen's single with back-to-back singles to load the bases. Freshman Domenic Colacchio delivered a two-RBI single up the middle to cut the lead to 11-4.

Stotler followed that with an RBI groundout to bring in Jackson and make the score 11-5. LBSU wasn't done as freshman second baseman Jarren Duran singled to center to score Colacchio. The Dirtbags ended the third trailing UCLA 11-6.

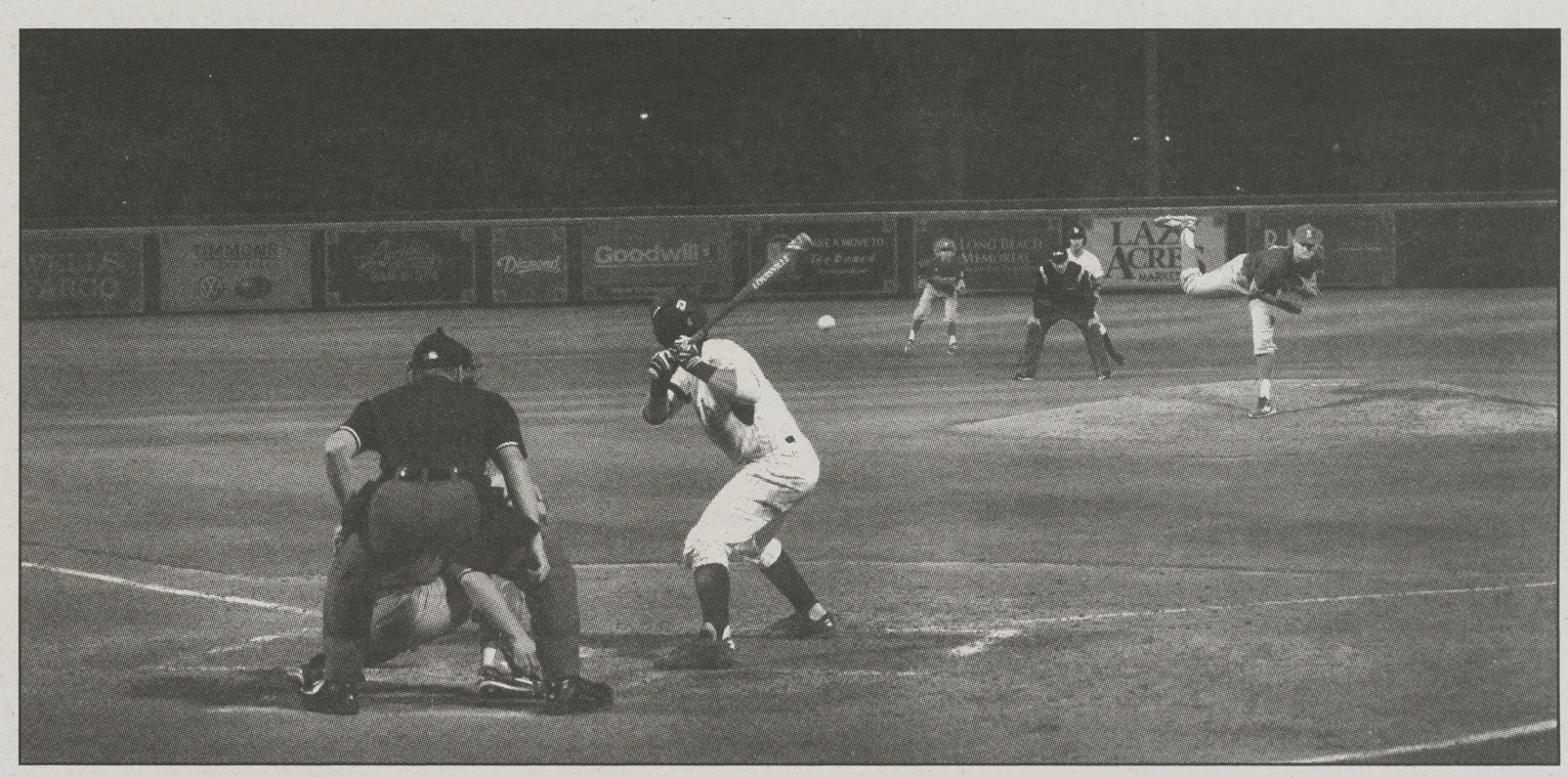
In the fifth, Jackson helped put LBSU on the board again with a leadoff single. Jackson advanced to second after Colacchio hit a sacrifice groundout. The Dirtbags loaded the bases after Duran and Stoler walked then senior third baseman Zack Domingues delivered with a two-run single that brought UCLA's lead down to 11-8.

Hampson, who went 3 for 6 on the night with one RBI, hit a single to center in the fifth to score Duran that brought the UCLA lead to 11-9 after five innings.

The LBSU comeback fell short in the final inning, but Hampson said the Dirtbags will carry some firepower into their series against Hawai'i this weekend.

"We've built some momentum," Hampson said. "So, I think we can take it right in when we head to Hawai'i. [Our] pitchers have been good all year, we just have to figure out how to avoid the big innings like [the first]."

The Dirtbags look to bounce back when they travel to Hawai'i for a three game series against the Rainbow Warriors starting on Friday at 9:35 p.m. Pacific Standard Time.

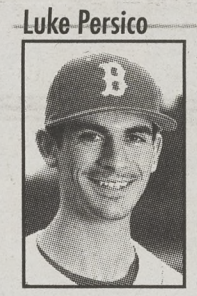
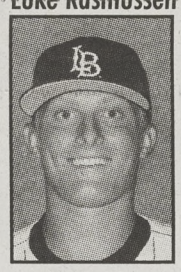


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UCLA right-hander Jake Bird pitches to Dirtbags freshman infielder Jarren Duran in the third inning. The Bruins won 11-10 on Tuesday at Blair Field.

UCLA BRUINS **11 - 10** LB

TOP PERFORMERS

Third Baseman Luke Persico		Designated Hitter Luke Rasmussen
		
3 - 5		3 - 6
2 RBIs		2 RBIs
Double		Double

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MEN'S VOLLEYBALL

49ers ground Flying Fleet in NCAA tourney

LBSU moves one step closer to a National Championship after beating Erskine College in their play-in match.

By Kayce Contatore
Contributing Writer

The Long Beach State men's volleyball team continues its season after a sweeping 3-0 victory over Erskine College on Tuesday at Penn State to advance to the NCAA Tournament semifinals.

LBSU head coach Alan Knipe said he was pleased with how his team performed and that they are enthusiastic to play BYU in the next round.

"The guys are really excited about this win," Knipe said. "We wanted to put ourselves into that final four situation and getting the bid and now the win for the play-in match allowed us to do that."

The 49ers wasted no time in the match jumping out to a 13-5 lead before gaining set point on a kill from freshman opposite hitter Kyle Ensing. Senior middle blocker Taylor Gregory put the set away 25-14 with a shot off the Erskine block to put the 49ers on top of the Flying Fleet.

The Fleet kept the second set close, exchanging the lead back and forth with the 49ers. LBSU took the second set 27-25 after Erskine failed to send the ball over the net in three hits.

The third set started off close until the 49ers began to break away and take a 19-14 lead. A hitting error from Erskine would close out the match and advance the 49ers to the next round.

LBSU put down 45 kills with just seven errors for a .528 hitting percentage and held Erskine to a .183 hitting percentage on the match.

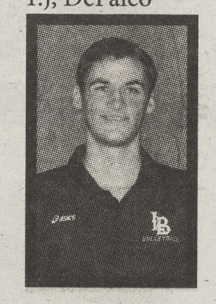
Knipe said that his team is ready to take on BYU in the semifinals. He said that, because they played early on in the season, both teams have grown and improved exponentially.

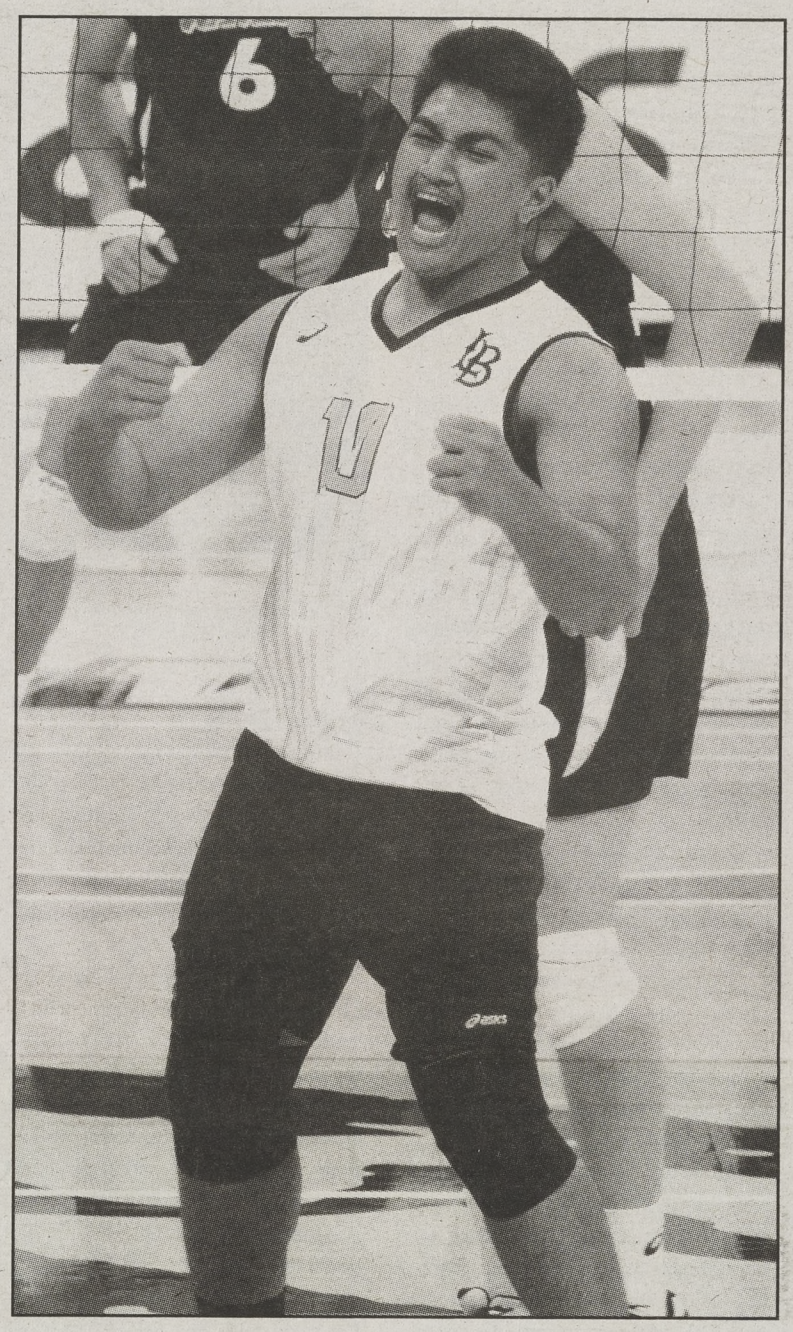
"We're both different teams," Knipe said. "We're more seasoned after going through the whole year. We have a better feel for them now."

The 49ers are slated to take on top-seeded BYU in the semifinals Thursday at 3 p.m. Pacific Standard Time at Penn State.

Top Performers

LB 3 - 0 Erskine Flying Fleet

Outside Hitter T.J, DeFalco	Outside Hitter Mike Michelau
	
14 Kills	14 Kills
.619 Hit%	.194 Hit%
3 Digs	4 Digs



Bobby Yagake | Daily 49er
LBSU freshman setter Josh Tuaniga celebrates in the 49ers' 3-0 win over the Pepperdine Waves on April 16 inside the Walter Pyramid.

BASEBALL

Bruins survive Dirtbag rally

LBSU nearly erases nine run deficit in 11-10 loss to the Bruins on Tuesday night.

By Matthew Simon
Staff Writer

An eight-run first inning for UCLA proved to be too much for the Long Beach State baseball team as the Dirtbags' rally fell short in an 11-10 loss Tuesday night at Blair Field.

LBSU outscored UCLA 8-0 after the top of the third. The loss ended the Dirtbags' five-game winning streak.

However, the Dirtbags' (26-17, 9-6) last run came in the eighth after junior shortstop Garrett Hampson doubled to left field and scored after sophomore designated hitter Luke Rasmussen hit an RBI double to left field to bring the lead to 11-10. But, with one out left in the ninth, UCLA ended the rally attempt after getting Rasmussen to pop out to end the game.

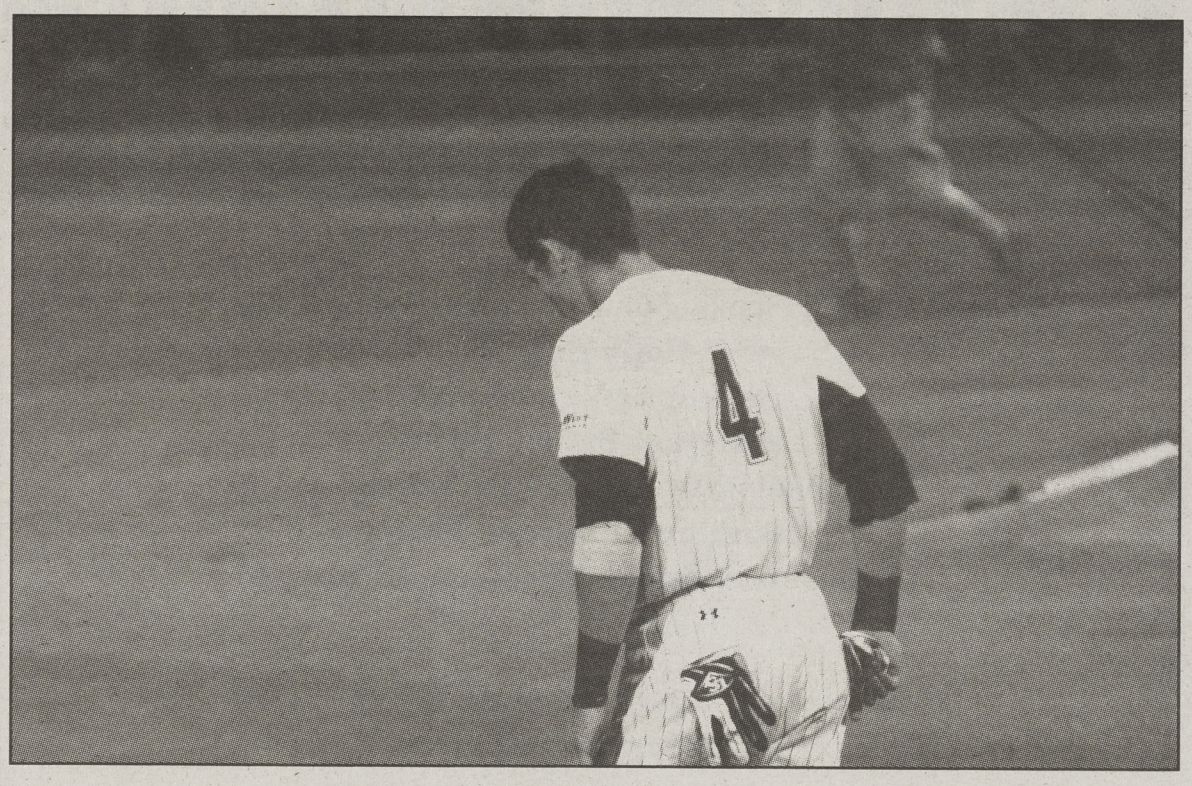
"[When we were down] we were just telling each other to turn the scoreboard off," Hampson said. "That's all you can do, you can't just give up. We know we're down, but you have to play the game."

The Bruins (21-21, 10-11) hit early and often against freshman pitcher Jacob Hughey, who only faced five batters, walking two and giving up two hits and four runs.

UCLA's run didn't stop there as they continued to hit when junior right-hander Dave Smith came in, Smith gave up seven runs, four earned, and faced eight batters in the first inning as the Bruins took an 8-0 lead.

"It's certainly very, very difficult to

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Johnny Romero | Daily 49er
LBSU infielder Jarren Duran takes his position at second base after a four-run third inning. The Dirtbags lost to UCLA 11-10 on Tuesday at Blair Field.